## Aide to Beer King' Called Trigger Man; His Two Pals Named

Shooting of Racketeer Came on Eve of Underworld Meeting, Police Say

MOTIVE BELIEVED KNOWN

War With Schultz Group Over "Museling In" Reported; Widow Free on Bail

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ATLANTIC CITY, Aug. 30.—Both constituted authorities and the underworld concentrated their efforts today on finding and meting out justice to those responsible for the assassination of Michael J Cusick better known as

Mickey Duffy, the South Jersey beer king, who was slain as. he slept in his oceanfront suite at the Ambassador Hotel yesterday

The three men who are especially sought, both by the police and by membes of Duffy's gang, are Mickey Duffy

Albert Skali, Sammy Grossman and Albert Silverman Skali, who was confidential aide to Duffy, is believed by police to be the actual

The energy with which gangdom is pursuing its hunt for the men was indicated yesterday by the fact that although the authorities released the slain man's wife, she was held prisoner in her fashionable Overbrook, Pa., home by members of the gang, who appear to believe that sile can throw some light on the affair.

#### CAMDEN MEN SEIZED

Two men, Harry J. Green and James Richardson, both of Camden, were arrested as they drove through Berlin yesterday. Each had a loaded .38 calibre revolver—the size which was used in the killing-police say,

They were held in Camden in connection with the killing, but were able to establish that they were not in Atlantic City yesterday. They will, however, face concealed weapon charges and further investigation.

Duffy lieutenants, it is said, believe they will "get" the killer within four days and expect to take the case out of the hands of police ho shooting him down in gang fashi-

### DUFFY AIDES MEET

It was reported here that every available gunman was given orders by the chiefs last night to shoot down on sight any of the three suspected men. In every Duffy roadhouse and night club in South Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania, an alert gunman was stationed with guns in armpit holsters, ready to get vengeance.

Ten Duffy aides held a conference in a night club at Pacific and Missouri avenues last night, and mapped out, perhaps with greater efficiency than the police, a campaign of search for the killers.

Skali, Grossman and Silverman are believed by the police to be the men who lunched with Duffy at his hotel suite shortly before the shooting, and Skali supposedly was the man who left the rooms shortly before the body was found.

#### MOTIVE THOUGHT KNOWN

Mrs. Duffy, it is said, waved from the beach to a man at a window of the suite about the time of the shooting. This perhaps, is the why Duffy's lieutenants are such an interest in her now

re holding her prisoner. Cameron Hinkle, assistant tor, said tonight that he had ed what he believes the real or the killing and will make in two or three days.

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# BUSINESS GROWING IN U. S. COURT HERE

Prohibition and Other Offenses Figure in District At-

torney's Report

Phillip Forman, United States Dis-trict Attorney, in his annual report, states the steady increase in Federal OnTION Court activity in New Jersey was maintained during the past fiscal year despite reduction of opportunity for trials to less than ten months. Although working with the same small staff of four years ago and handicapped by the illness of a judge from April to the latter part of June the New Jersey District terminated

97 more civil cases in 1931 than in 1930 and 153 more criminal cases, Shakedown" the report stated. In all 2775 cases of both kinds were terminated. During the fiscal year, 1,124 criminal prosecutions were commenced ging

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### Year's Closing Ordered After Owners Abandon Fight.

The Peter Breidt Brewery at Pearl and Rector streets, Elizabeth, was or-Charles H. dered padlocked yesterday for one year by Federal Judge Avis.

The order was made after the owners beautiful a had abandoned their legal fight against the condu the padlock, United States District Attorney Phillip Forman said.

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> of the Newark Bay Cereal Beverage Company in Bayonne. After protracted litigation Federal Judge Fake decided against the company, which had appealed from the decision of Colonel Samuel Wynne, supervisor of permits for this district. Several similar cases are pending before Judge Fake.

> > Action against the Breidt brewery was started a year ago after the eighth raid, when a large quantity of beer was found. A raid last November while marshal's guards were in possession of the plant, disclosed 25,000 gallons of beer in vats.

During the first of the two raids, the agents left the brewery after John J. (Jack) Dunne, beer baron of West New York, and several of his lieutenants arrived and ordered the men to stop emptying beer from the vats. John G. (Ace) Smith testified at hearings that he had left because he feared

trouble from Dunne and his men. United States Commissioner Friedmann at a hearing held the search warrant which the agents used was illegal and dismissed the complaints against he men arrested.

SEVERE PENALTIES ON BEER CHARGES

-Judge Bourquin, in the United States Court today, imposed severe penalties on two men who were found guilty of liquor law violations. Charles Smith, of Elizabeth, was

sentenced to serve 12 months in jail and to pay a fine of \$500, while William Mears, of Philadelphia, was sentenced to serve 15 months in the penitentiary and to pay a fine of

The men were caught on a beer truck at Hightstown, according to records of the government. The case was given to the jury last night and the verdict was opened today after court had convened.

### EASTMAN COMPANY MUST PAY ON STOCK

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 29 (AP) .--The United States Circuit Court of Appeals today affirmed the action of the Federal District Court of Nev. Jersey in ordering the Eastman Kodak Company to pay back dividends of \$853,500 to the alien property custodian on stock issued to a German corporation for its business in photographic supplies seized during the World War.

## IN EXTORTION CHARGE

hereton Vacco 1/29/3/ Judge John Boyd Avis, in the United States District Court yesterday, overruled a motion to dismiss proceedings against George Hassan, secretary of the J. G. Schmidt Iron Works, Passaic, and two others, on extortion charges.

The motion, presented by Harry Weinberger, counsel for Hassan, secthat the indictment be quashed, but the court ruled that the indictment should stand.

Others named in the indictment. are Herman C. Rust, attorney, and William P. Greenberg, accountant of the company. It is charged that the 9/20/2 three men attempted to extort \$50,000 from Hassan's father, William, president of the Passaic firm, on a threat 0 10 Be to reveal purported falsification of income tax returns of the company astic from 1923 to 1928.

Weinberger argued that no crime was alleged, the terms "extort" and "extorsively" applied only where a public official was involved, and that the Government officers who arrested the three men outside their office did by bootleg so without warrant and without re jolts of sufficient cause.

The Federal jurist, imported here to speed the calendar of the United States District Court, sentenced an alleged hitch-hiker to 15 months in jail for transporting beer, gave the Five Drivers Arrested with 50 beer truck's driver a 12-month term and \$500 fine, sentenced a still operator to a year and a day in the Federal Penitentiary at Atlanta, and otherwise dispensed dry law justice in a manner unprecedented in the

Federal Courts of New Jersey. Harry Evans, of Camden, caught by Columbus State Police today seiz Hightstown State police on a beer 500 half-barrels of beer in five truc truck driven by Joseph Crocke, said outside of Bordentown on the Bo on the witness stand that he was dentown-White Horse Road. merely a hitch-hiker and had no part | Five men, Peter J. Yanger, Phil in transporting the illicit cargo of 98 J. Kerel, William Metzel and Char. barrels of beer found on the truck. T. Herman, of Philadelphia, a Crocke put his case in the hands of John Stafford, of Magnolia Heigh the jury without taking the stand. | Camden County, were arrested as t The jury found both men guilty. | drivers.

Judge Bourquin imposed the 15- First they were taken to the Har month penalty on Evans and the ilton Township police headquarte lesser term on the driver.

case with false testimony," the judge | printed. Then they were arraign said to Crocke, explaining the lighter before United States Commission penalty.

Even as sentence was being pro- held under bail. nounced another parallel case was The trucks, each containing 1 under deliberation by another jury half-barrels of beer, were taken panel. A third jury was out with a camden along with the cargoes. case involving a Newark speakeasy, and the judge promptly impaneled another jury to press on with the day's work.

Charles Smith, of Elizabeth; and William Mears, of Philadelphia, caught with a beer truck near Hightstown the same night Crocke and Evans were arrested, rested their defense on the same story told by Evans. Mears said he was a hitchhiker. The jury was still deliber- Court ating on the Smith and Mears charge lav belate this afternoon.

Crocke and Evans appealed their eedings, conviction and sentence and were re- court. leased under \$4,000 bail each. Vic- llywood tor Stevens, of Elizabeth, similarly found charged with transportation of beer, believed pleaded guilty contingent upon the court's permission to rest his case on the outcome of the Crocke-Evans appeal. Stevens was sentenced to 10 months in jail and \$350 fine, stayed pending the outcome of the appeal,

Three Trenton defendants and another from Yardville, charged with operating a still and manufacturing liquor, failed to appear for pleading and the judge issued bench warrants for their immediate arrest. The men are: Alex Kovalik, Yardley; Joe Piznata, 10 Paul Avenue; Joe Marcala, 342 North Clinton Avenue, and Alfred Befiore, also of 342 North Clinton Avenue.

In the first case to go to trial Judge Bourquin cut short the proceedings at such times as the testimony did not bear directly on guilt or innocence and the case was swiftly concluded. The defendant, Edward F. Risher, of South Plainfield, caught operating an 8,000-gallon still which he said belonged to a stranger, was found guilty. The judge sentenced Risher to a year and a day in the Atlanta Penitentiary and fined him

\$500 besides. Louis Salzman, of Elizabeth,

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